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LONE FRENCHMAN AMONG THE ESKIMOS

Across frozen seas on a sledge

A YOUNG French scientist has lived alone for 14 months among the friendly, sturdy Eskimos of Greenland, and during a recent visit to London he told a CN representative of some of his strange and hazardous experiences in the Arctic.

He is 30-year-old Jean-Noël Malaurie, the first Frenchman to travel by sledge from Greenland across the frozen sea to Ellesmere Land in Arctic Canada.

He explained that he established a base camp at Siorapaluk in the frozen wastes of Northern Greenland. Here Eskimos helped him to build a three-roomed wooden hut in which he dwelt while planning his difficult trip to Ellesmere. (He added that building the hut was easier than getting a flat in Paris!)

He was the only white man in a community of 40 Eskimos. At first they mistrusted him, but he soon won their friendship because he could speak their language fluently. He had learned it on a previous expedition by going to school with Eskimo children aged eight and nine!

They, too, had been puzzled at first by their peculiar schoolfellow, but they were delighted—and so were their elders—when he told them the fables of La Fontaine. The Eskimos love to swap a yarn, and they told him many of their own fairy and folk tales.

One of the youngsters' favourite

games is like our own Cat's Cradle, played with strings wound in different patterns round the fingers. They also showed him their dolls, and performed dances.

"Many of them made friends with me," he said, "and would often come into my new hut to stare at my equipment, and then suddenly run out to discuss excitedly the wonders they had seen."

The Eskimos are a wonderful people themselves. M. Malaurie believes that they are one of the hardest races in the world.

NOT ALWAYS IN IGLOOS

But the popular idea that they live in ice-houses all the year round is wrong. Their homes are made of stone, while in the summer they erect tents. They build igloos of blocks of ice only as temporary shelters when travelling.

Under the influence of Western civilisation, M. Malaurie said, the Eskimo is evolving into a new race—the Greenlander. Many of their traditions are dying out. No longer do they rub noses as a greeting, and their once popular—and tough—game played by two men striking one another on the jaw in turn, repeatedly, is a thing of the past.

WESTERN CLOTHES

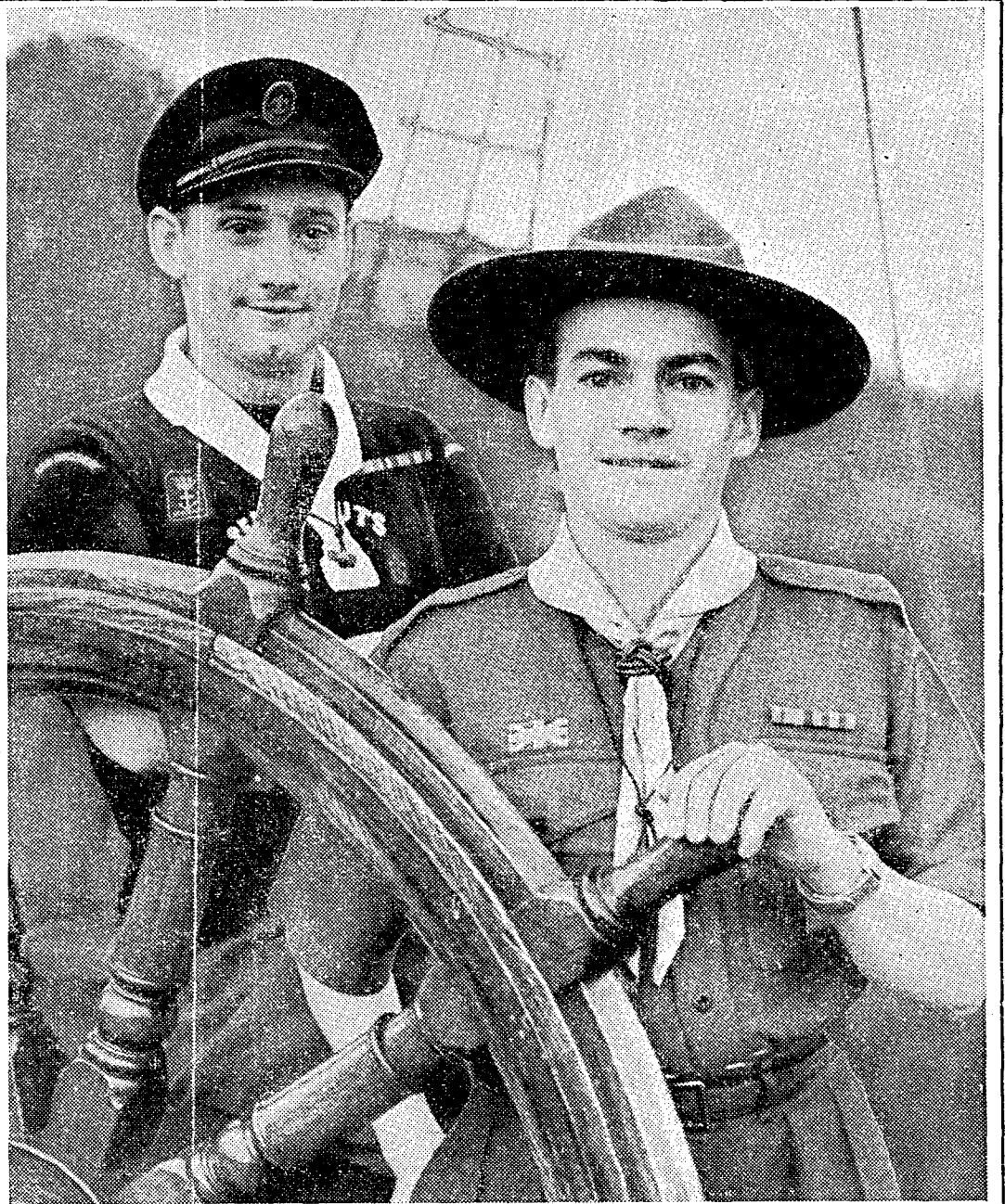
Their clothes, too, have become Westernised. These were once entirely made from seal, caribou, or other skins, but they are being replaced by modern, manufactured clothing, though the fur coats still remain as the best protection against cold.

When he was ready to cross to Ellesmere Land the explorer set out with a party of his Eskimo friends carrying their provisions on dog-sledges.

Making friends with the dogs was important, too. "The main thing is to get friendly with their leader," said M. Malaurie. "Give him the best bits of meat, speak to him, reward him for an effort, and he will get the best out of his team. But if he dislikes you, you might as well get another team of dogs!"

The journey was a perilous one. They travelled north across Inglefield Land and Washington Land, and then left Greenland over the ice of Kennedy Channel. With the

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Youth at the helm

These two Scout leaders, Arthur Martin, of Cambridge (left), and Ian Clarke, of Australia, have sailed on the John Biscoe for the Falkland Islands, where they will stay for 18 months as meteorological assistants.

ZEBRAS ARE BAD SAILORS

Some 130 wild creatures, worth more than £10,000, arrived at Avonmouth docks recently. They had come from South Africa, and were bound for zoos all over Britain.

Animals can be troublesome passengers. Ostriches, for example, find it extremely difficult to keep a balance whenever a ship gives the slightest roll. Zebras are even worse sailors; they are so overcome by strange surroundings that they just lie down prepared to die.

To mitigate their discomfort, the animals were first trained to become used to their crates by being taken on board every day for ten days before the ship sailed. Even so, some of them needed stewards!

WILD WILD WEST

There has been some rough riding this autumn in northern Alberta, where ranchmen have been trying to round up about 1500 wild horses that have damaged crops.

Many of these wild horses are the descendants of domestic ones that took to the wilds years ago, and they lure local Dobbins to desert their pastures and join them in the rigours and excitements of a free life.

An animal nuisance of a different kind in Alberta is a big grizzly bear that has killed 40 cattle. A reward of 500 dollars has been offered for its capture, and hunters have been trying to catch it before its disappearance into a hole for its winter sleep.

SONGS SUNG BY THE OLD BRAVES

About 40 years ago a recording was made of some Red Indians, with beat of drum and thud of feet, singing some of their tribal songs—songs which by then were seldom heard, and today are almost forgotten.

Modern recordings of these early efforts have now been made by the American Library of Congress, so that the old songs can once again be heard to advantage and studied.

Perhaps these old folk songs will inspire some American composer in the way that old Negro tunes inspired Anton Dvorak and Stephen Foster.

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TWO STICKS

Mr. Joseph Morrell of Sutton, Surrey, has a walking-stick made from his bus tickets. He threaded all the tickets on a steel rod and pressed them down. The bigger ones were doubled or trebled until there were over 3000 layers. After planing and filing, he polished the edges and so made himself a handsome walking-stick.

The paper in another walking-stick which recently came into the news was of greater value. A man in Ardara, County Donegal, bought a walking-stick at an auction, unscrewed the top, and found a five-pound note neatly folded inside!

COCKATOO IN DISGRACE

From Ceylon comes this story of a badly-educated cockatoo.

It arrived at Colombo Zoo with six other cockatoos—quiet, nicely-spoken birds. But its own language was simply shocking, though, of course, this was the fault of the ill-intentioned person who had taught it to speak.

So it is receiving lessons in more refined language, and meanwhile is not allowed to appear in public with the more orthodox six.

SUDAN STRIDES FORWARD TO INDEPENDENCE

By the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent

THE congratulations of all free nations go this week to the eight million Sudanese who from this Saturday (November 8) are free to go forward as a self-governing people.

The new constitution, which the Sudanese Legislative Assembly authorised last April, and which only required the approval that the British Government gave last month, can now replace the old in the great country for which Egypt and Great Britain have been jointly responsible.

This means that the Executive Council, under the guidance of Sir Robert Howe, the Governor-General, can arrange a General Election as soon as they wish. The Sudanese will then elect a Chamber of 78 who, with a partly-elected Senate of 50, will form a Parliament to which an All-Sudanese Cabinet will answer for all internal affairs.

Responsibility for external affairs will remain for the time being with Britain and Egypt, but it is hoped that, with good will by Egypt, these limitations also can be ended, as Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, said, "at an early date."

NEGUIB'S ANXIETY

The Sudanese leaders have, in fact, been discussing the new situation with General Neguib, the Army Commander who now has complete control of Egypt. General Neguib certainly wants certain Egyptian anxieties to be resolved. These include such questions as: If the Sudanese govern themselves would they choose entire independence, or still keep a link with Egypt? Would they join the British Commonwealth?

For years Egypt has not been disposed to trust British friendship with the Sudan. Certainly, complete separation of the Sudan from Egypt would cause inconvenience and friction because the two countries, both sharing the River Nile, are greatly dependent on each other. Britain has felt it her duty to ensure the Sudanese against exploitation by their more powerful northern neighbour, Egypt.

Just how the Sudanese make progress toward self-government and self-determination rests largely with certain outstanding figures. Who are they?

SUDANESE UPBRINGING

General Neguib, the power in the background, is a daring officer who rose to take responsibility for Egypt when he compelled King Farouk to abdicate last July. Lean and stern, he talks little, but when he has something to say it is crisp and decisive.

He has also little liking for the luxury with which Egyptians of influence sometimes surround themselves. His informal manner, it is said, is characteristic of the Sudan, where his father served as an officer in the Egyptian Army, and who married a woman of Sudanese blood. The young Mohammed Neguib went to school in Khartoum, and this may influence his attitude towards his former school-fellows.

Then there is Sir Abdul Rahman Mahdi, one of the most powerful of the Sudanese political leaders.

His devoted followers sometimes abbreviate his name to the initials, SAR. Leader of the political party known as the Umma, which has co-operated with Britain in the steps forward to Sudanese independence, this handsome man conforms to the popular conception of a desert chieftain.

The Egyptians sometimes find him difficult to understand, for he has a gift of laughter which is apt to break in on the discussion of affairs which they feel should be treated with the utmost seriousness, indeed, solemnity.

SAR, however, is also profoundly earnest in his aims. He is a religious as much as a political leader. It is not forgotten by some of his opponents that he is the son of the Mahdi who drove the Egyptians out of the Sudan in 1885.

SAR's great rival is Sir Ali el Mirghani, who is also known by initials, SAM. He has sometimes inclined to closer ties with Egypt, perhaps because SAR urges independence.

REPUBLICAN TREND

SAM has linked a number of independent groups with the Sudanese Republican Party, and there is no doubt that his influence on the future of the Sudan is considerable.

A leader of the Sudan Party, Sayed Mohamed Ahmed Omar, advocates that the Sudan should decide to be a democratic republic, but that it should form part of the British Commonwealth.

In many ways the Sudanese Parliamentary system will be similar to our own. As well as a Government, it is clear that there will be an Opposition.

When the elected representatives assemble at their Parliament House in Khartoum, the free democracies of the world will wish them well.

Frenchman among the Eskimos

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North Pole but 600 miles away, the cold was intense, and they had to tackle difficult climbs and avoid hidden crevasses.

On the latter part of their journey they had to hunt seals for food. The seal is the Eskimo's best friend; its skin clothes him, its fat and oil keep him warm and give him light, and its flesh feeds him and his dogs.

M. Malaurie, who is attached to the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, is now planning another expedition to Baffin Land.



By the C.N. Press Gallery Correspondent

Who can fail to be thrilled at the sight of the lordly Comet coming in to land at London Airport? But who shudders at the sound of the whistling jets?

The answer to the second part of the question (to borrow a Ministerial phrase) is that many people do. Even in this Age of Noise they have not got quite used to it. But something is being done, so an answer to a question—a non-oral one, appropriately—assures us.

Experiments are proceeding on means to reduce the noise of jet engines; and the Ministry of Civil Aviation is now studying methods of reducing noise at airports. In this connection a prototype sound-screening wall will soon be built at London Airport.

THE Do You Know Department breaks in here to announce that 70 per cent of girls who stay on at Grammar schools to the age of 18 go in for teaching.

LOrds as well as Commons have settled down to a series of important debates. Among other things the Lords have been discussing the use of the birch (now abolished in this country) and road safety problems.

Viscount Monck said during this latter debate: "Parents should see that children do not ride a bicycle which is too big for them."

AN argument broke out—one might even say broke down—in the Commons recently about the meaning of "proximity" and "contiguity." One M.P. said: "Contiguity, of course, is one thing. There may have to be a physical nexus, which is another matter. Proximity might be nearness and yet it might not be near enough. Close proximity is rather another matter."

DESIGNS are now being examined for a double-size 2½d. Coronation stamp, which will look nice in our collections. Stamps bearing the design of the Queen's head will be on sale by the end of this year. Thank you, Postmaster-General.

THE Attorney-General looked around the other day for Mr. Leslie Hale, M.P. for Oldham West, but he had temporarily moved from his seat below the gangway to one above the gangway. "Ah," said the Attorney-General, "the hon. member for Oldham East has moved his position again in the chamber."

Mr. Hale: I moved my position a little to the west to make it clear that I represent Oldham West, not Oldham East.

BAFFLING: It is as difficult to get some women to make up their minds as it is to fold the pages of a newspaper in a high wind.—Lord Mancroft.

ASTONISHING: Is not the consumption of sweets artificially inflated?—an M.P.

News from Everywhere

FAMILY AFFAIR

When Miss Rita Hawker got married at Dudley, Worcestershire, the officiating minister was her grandmother, the assistant minister was her uncle, the chief bridesmaid was her aunt, and the organist an uncle by marriage.

An 81-year-old man of Ashford (Kent) has won a boy's cycle in a competition.

A woman attends woodwork evening classes at Leyton, Essex, and several men are in the dress-making classes.

Slough Corporation have accepted the offer of a resident to provide budgerigars each year for a local park. An aviary is to be built to house 50 birds.

Because there are no horse-chestnut trees in the Scilly Isles, pupils at Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, have sent 50 lbs. of conkers to the island's children.

IN COLD STORE

Penguins are coming to Dudley Zoo, Worcestershire, from the Antarctic in a whaling factory-ship refrigerator.

A piece of stone from the Palace of Westminster has been presented to Malaya for the Legislative Council building at Kuala Lumpur.

Eight hundred starving swallows flew from Nancy to North Africa not long ago—in a plane hired by the French Birds Protection Society.

COST OF RUST

Rust costs Britain about £200 million a year, says the British Iron and Steel Research Association.

A bronze coin of the first century, minted during the reign of Cunobelinus (Shakespeare's Cymbeline) has been unearthed in Bedfordshire.

A former slave, Mrs. Laura Bland Hamilton, died recently at Newark, New Jersey, at the age of 99. Her most vivid recollection was of the day in 1863 when news reached the plantations that all slaves were free.

A £100,000 restoration appeal fund has been launched for Gloucester Cathedral.

TEMPTING?

Members of the Nutrition Society were told recently that some spiders taste of vegetables and others of chicken.

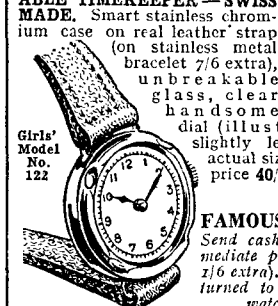
Karl Frohn, a German student from Zurich, near Cologne, has just completed a two-month hitchhiking tour of Britain. He travelled 3600 miles and spent only £3, staying at either youth hostels or with people he met on the way.

Dough was used to smother flames shooting from a burst gas main in Barnstaple, Devonshire.

Fishing during a competition at Aldeburgh, Suffolk, recently was so poor that the first prize of a silver cup and £10 10s was awarded for a catch of 3½ ounces.

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FOUR TINY BEARS THE NOISE MAKES THEM DIZZY

Four of the delightful little tree-animals called koalas have gone to Hollywood by air from Sydney to take part in a Paramount film, Botany Bay. They are the first koala bears to leave Australia for 25 years, the Government having forbidden their export because it is generally impossible to feed them properly away from their native land.

These have been allowed to emigrate only because 20 years ago the Director of the San Diego Zoo, Mrs. Brenchley, planted eucalyptus trees. She was looking ahead to the time when koalas might be included in this Californian Zoo, and now she can provide them with leaves from more than 2000 trees.

The four film-acting koalas will certainly add local colour to Botany Bay, in company with other "Aussies" from San Diego, such as kangaroos, wallabies, two dingoes, emus, rosellas, and cockatoos.

A laughing jackass, or kookaburra, which is also "on the set" is said to have been trained not to become mirthful in the wrong place. According to Mrs. Brenchley it will only laugh when it gets its cue!

Water from the sun



This Solar Still produces drinking water from sea water by condensation brought about by the sun's rays. But its workings are secret.

BRITISH CEMENT

Cement, the basic material of concrete, has been described as the greatest plastic of our plastic age, and Britain, which produced ten million tons in 1951, makes the cheapest cement in the world. Two million tons were exported.

Half of the production comes from works in the Thames and Medway estuaries, where the raw materials are readily available and thus enable cement to be made at low cost.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The followers of the great Wilfred Grenfell are again hoping that the sale of Christmas cards will enable them to give increasing help to the fishermen of Labrador, whose hard lives on a desolate shore are menaced by tuberculosis.

The 1952 cards offer a variety of particularly jolly and pretty scenes which will delight your friend: in addition to helping a fine cause.

An illustrated leaflet about them can be obtained for 1½d. from the Grenfell Association, 66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Men drilling for underground steam in a geyser valley of New Zealand sometimes lose their sense of balance and fall down.

The cause is a steam-testing device which drives a jet of steam through a narrow aperture with such force that an extremely shrill vibration is set up; a V-shaped shock wave can be seen in the jet where it issues from the escape pipe.

The vibration upsets the semi-circular canals of the human middle ear—the mechanism on which our sense of balance depends—and if a man stays close to the jet too long he falls down. The effect is temporary but unpleasant.

RARE BIRD SEEN IN NORFOLK

Bird-lovers in North Norfolk had quite a thrill the other day, when a bird swimming on a marshy pool close to the beach at Cley was identified as a grey phalarope. This is a small bird of the sandpiper family, which breeds in the Arctic, travels far south in the autumn, and passes the winter at sea.

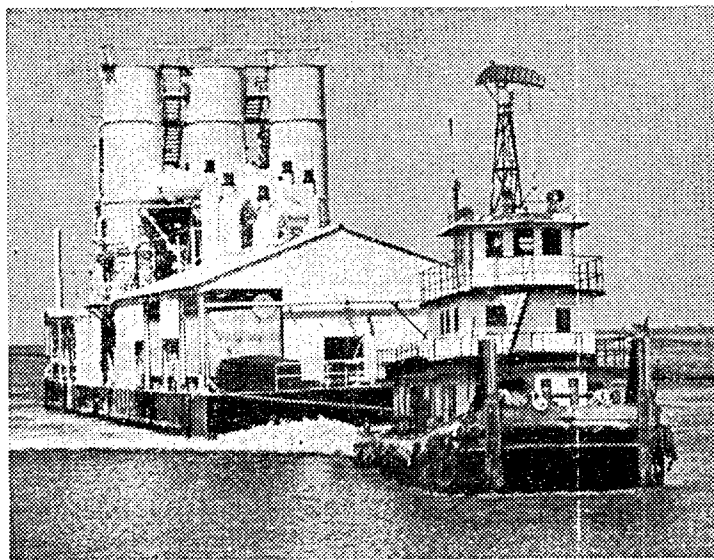
Members of the village's bird-watching group were successful in capturing the stranger and placing a ring on it.

This was the first time, it is believed, that a grey phalarope had been ringed in this country. Then it was released and resumed its swim.

THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD SAXON TOWN

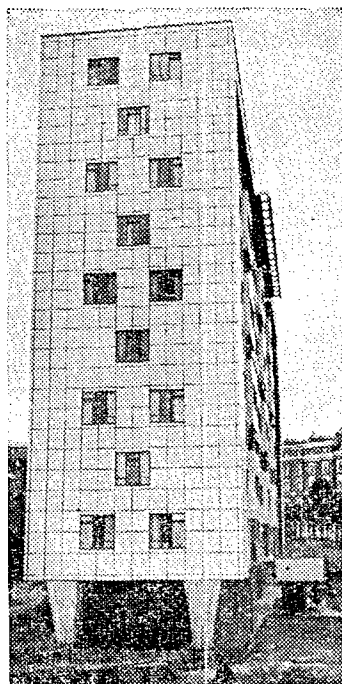
Houses are to be built on a site at Thetford, in Norfolk, where, a thousand years ago, a Saxon iron-working centre stood. Archaeologists are carefully examining the site before building begins.

Recent finds include a small pewter brooch, part of an iron padlock, fragments of bones, and large quantities of pottery. An iron axe-head, belonging to a Saxon woodman, was found on the burnt clay floor of a hut uncovered during excavations.



Moving a mine

A tugboat is here seen towing to another site the world's only floating sulphur mining plant. It was built to extract sulphur from the marshlands of Louisiana, in the U.S.A.



Flats on legs

This ten-storey block of flats standing on legs is the first of seven to be completed in Paddington, London. Coloured brick-work and glazed tiles add to its striking appearance.

HAIRY FLEECES WIN HIGH PRICES

Wool that had the fault of being too hairy caused New Zealand sheep-breeding experts to carry out research into the hereditary factors responsible. That was 20 years ago.

In studying the problem they bred sheep with fleeces of an extreme hairiness. Then it was found that the hairy wool was excellent for making carpets, and the scientists' freaks became valuable.

Not long ago it was fetching 1s. 10d. a pound more than the ordinary "woolly" wool.

BOY OF THE FUTURE

Young John Morris, of Blackpool, was born on June 3, 2602—according to his birth certificate!

He was born in a Japanese prison in Singapore, in 1942, and his birth certificate was made out by a Japanese.

SWEETHEART ABBEY

The title deeds of an ancient Scottish building—Sweetheart Abbey, in Kirkcudbright—have been left by Mr. Norman Dakeyne Newall, of Hexham, to his son John. They recall a romantic story.

Sweetheart Abbey was founded in 1273 by Devorguila, wife of John Baliol, a wealthy baron, who was one of the Regents of Scotland when Alexander III was a boy, and later fought with Henry III against Simon de Montfort. About 1263 he gave the forest lands to the Oxford College which bears his name.

On his death in 1269 Devorguila had his heart embalmed and placed in an ivory and silver casket. This she kept near her, and when she died, in 1290, it was buried beside her in her abbey. In tribute to her devotion, the Cistercian monks chose the name of "sweetheart" for this abbey—now but a ruin in the care of the Ministry of Works.

NO MORE PIRATES

Writers, painters, and composers have long complained about their works being reproduced abroad without permission and without payment. They will welcome the Universal Copyright Convention sponsored by Unesco and designed to restrict the production of "pirate" copies.

At Geneva, representatives of 35 countries have signed a treaty which, when confirmed by their Parliaments, will give to writers, artists, scientists, and musicians the same protection in foreign countries which they enjoy in their own.

THANK YOU! SAYS THE PICTURE

A displaced person from the Ukraine, grateful for the help given to him by the staff of the labour exchange at Stanningley, near Leeds, has presented them with a picture of the River Dnieper, painted by himself.

The officials had found him work in a textile mill and accommodation in a hostel, and then later had arranged for the man's wife to join him in England.

NEW ZEALAND HELPS THE CHILDREN

The New Zealand Government recently made a fifth contribution to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef), bringing its total to nearly two million dollars. A similar sum has been contributed by private donors.

On a population basis, out of nearly 100 contributor-countries to Unicef, New Zealand stands second only to little Iceland.

ALL CHANGE FOR 60 FLAGS

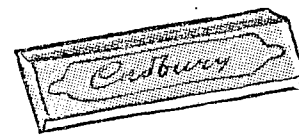
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Some of it is richly engraved and this is particularly welcome because, in the past, soldiers at the Tower wore away much of the detail by over-zealously polishing them!

The most imposing suit in the new collection is the jousting armour made for the court of the Emperor Maximilian I—often called "The Last of the Knights"—at Innsbruck, about 1500.

NORMAN SPURS

Not only have complete suits of armour been acquired, but many helmets, swords, and firearms. There are also a pair of gold and silver plated prick spurs; possibly the best of their kind ever seen in England, they must have belonged to some personage of great importance at the time of the Norman Conquest.

Altogether there are 52 items. The cost was £30,000, contributed by the Pilgrim Trust, the National Art Collections Fund, the Tower Armouries Fund, and a special Exchequer Grant.



Six years' research has gone into the making of this American high-altitude flying suit, which is pressurised automatically as height is gained.



At 17, David Baker, of Woking, Surrey, made his solo flight after 6 hours 20 minutes of dual instruction at Fairoaks Flying Club, at Chobham, Surrey. His school then gave him a fortnight's holiday to obtain his pilot's licence.

In the Air

By the C N Flying Correspondent

Guide for passengers

A MAP which will automatically show airliner-passengers the exact position of their plane is being developed by a British radio company.

A series of transparent maps form a screen measuring 21 inches by 16 inches, and a dot of light moves across the map to show the true position of the aircraft. The light is controlled from the pilot's automatic Decca Navigator, a device which is to be used on the Vickers Viscount, the first turbo-prop airliner in the world to go into scheduled service.

Vulcan

BRITAIN'S delta-wing jet bomber, the huge Avro 698, has been named Vulcan.

The actual output of its four Rolls-Royce Avons has not been revealed. But the latest civil version of the Avon develops 9000 lbs. thrust, so the Vulcan must be propelled by at least 36,000 h.p. at its operating altitude.

Day's work

AIR cargoes which once made front-page news are now commonplace.

Here is a list of items carried by Australian National Airways Freighters during a typical day recently: Racehorse from Hobart to Melbourne; 2½ tons of furniture from Melbourne to Hobart; a car from Melbourne to Launceston; 100 sheep from Launceston to Melbourne; 60 bales of hops from Hobart to Melbourne, and four horses from Melbourne to Sydney.

Electronic clerk

AMERICAN Airlines have introduced an "electronic brain" at La Guardia airport, New York, which memorises all the available seats on their airliners for more than a thousand flights due for nearly two weeks ahead.

Booking clerks inevitably made mistakes in answering the 9500 daily calls, but the "brain" cannot sell the same seat twice.

Human laboratory

MAJOR WILLIAMS, one of Britain's leading test parachutists, is a veritable one-man laboratory responsible for trying out parachute "fashions."

He tests the behaviour of the parachutes and his own body all the way down from 40,000 feet to sea level. His equipment includes a sound-proof helmet which carries a radio, an oxygen mask linked with an instrument to count his breathing rate, a two-piece cold-weather suit, a wrist altimeter, and a stopwatch to record the height and time of events.

In a small box below the chute a series of "gimmicks" record the jumper's pulse, respiration, skin temperature, rate of descent, and many other details.

The latest parachute under test is made of incredibly thin but very strong rayon, and it has nylon harness.

New arrivals at London Zoo, says CRAVEN HILL, include a

LIZARD 4 FEET LONG

LATE though the season is, new arrivals continue to reach the London Zoo from various sources. One just arrived from Africa is a four-foot-long Bosc's monitor, one of the larger lizards found in that continent.

It was caught by Mr. Jack Lester, the Zoo's curator of reptiles, who is now on an expedition in Uganda. He found the monitor raiding a nest of crocodile eggs beside a lake and, with the aid of natives, managed to capture it. It was put into the nearest available receptacle, a long native-woven basket, in which it arrived by air.

In their natural haunts these large African lizards live mainly upon the eggs of crocodiles. But experience shows that in captivity they will accept many other kinds of eggs, and the Zoo's new arrival will be offered a number of guinea-fowl eggs which are being sent specially from Whipsnade.

BABY SEAL

From Wales has come a baby common seal, found stranded in Cardigan Bay. Because it is only a few weeks old it is being given special nursing in the sanatorium, where keepers are feeding it every two or three hours on herring.

Finally, there is George, a European wall lizard. George is a gift to the collection from Mr. George Cansdale, the Zoo superintendent, who caught the lizard in Rome, when he recently attended a conference there.

"I caught George in my hand while having a look round the Rome Zoo," Mr. Cansdale told me. "It was not an exhibit, of course, for these lizards are very common in Italy. They are found—usually basking in the sun on a wall—all over the parks and other places."

"I just put it in my pocket and

brought it home wrapped in the sleeve of a soiled shirt!" Mr. Cansdale went on. "It has little value—I suppose it's worth only a shilling or two—but it makes a nice little souvenir of my Rome visit."

George is now running around in a den at the reptile house.

THE youngest keeper ever to retire on pension, and one well known to most younger visitors, has just left the Zoo. He is 40-year-old Mr. Sidney Walsh, head-keeper of the insect house, who has retired after 26 years' service with the Society.

Mr. Walsh joined the Zoo when he was 14. He went into the insect section and remained there, being made headkeeper in 1932.

Mr. Walsh was the first man in this country to breed the big West African scorpion. Another of his achievements was the rearing of that predacious tropical insect, the praying mantis, which was difficult to breed in this climate until Mr. Walsh, after numerous experiments, found the secret. Since then he has reared this species on several occasions.

Breeding "difficult" insects has, indeed, been a special hobby of Mr. Walsh's, and in the breeding-room attached to the house he has reared many species of locusts, stick insects, spiders, and millipedes. Some of them, such as the venomous Black Widow spider of North America, are highly dangerous to man.

Yet in spite of the hazards of his work, Mr. Walsh has never had a serious injury.

"The only bad stings I ever had," he says, "came from bees and ants!"

Mr. Walsh is succeeded as head-keeper by Mr. George Ashby, his assistant for the last 20 years.

MRS SEA ELEPHANT

This female sea elephant was recently caught by fishermen off the Brazilian coast, and given to the zoo in Rio de Janeiro.

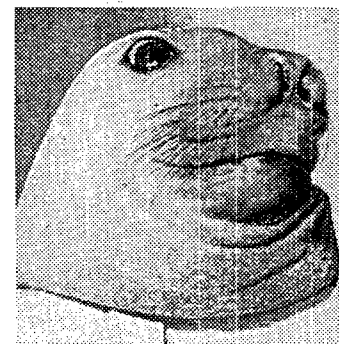
Sea elephants are hardly ever

found away from the Far South, and this one, which presumably wandered too far from the Antarctic and was caught in currents and storms, is believed to be the only one in captivity.

Caring for the huge animal presented a problem at first to the zoo authorities, for every other day she required 5000 gallons of sea water in which to live while becoming acclimatised to fresh water.

At the request of the zoo people the Shell Company lent a tank lorry to take Mrs. Sea Elephant her daily ration of sea water.

These giant seals get their name from the long snout of the male, the females having noses of more graceful proportions!



WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED?

A bear has reversed the story and assumed the role played by Goldilocks in the Three Bears. Sooner or later it had to happen!

The bear was taking a stroll not long ago near Vancouver when he came upon a little house in the woods, looked through the window, and then, seeing no one at home, climbed in.

There was no porridge on the table, but there were two glasses of

milk alongside some fruit on a plate. Bruin scornfully upset both glasses, but he found the fruit "just right" and ate it all up!

Then the bear went upstairs and decided to take a rest on a bed that was also "just right." Suddenly he heard people on the move, and without waiting to hear a gruff voice asking, "Who's been sleeping in my bed?" jumped out of the window and ran away!

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OPPOSITE the BBC's Television Studios in Lime Grove, Shepherd's Bush, stands the Hammersmith School of Building and Arts and Crafts. It is one of those schools which provides all you want—and probably much more than you know you want—if you are thinking of entering one of the many branches of an all-important industry.

There never was a time before when training for the building industry was so well provided or more readily available for anyone keen to get on.

The great improvement has been that nowadays the young student who has to start work directly after leaving school, but wants to improve his chances in life by learning more about his job, can get released by his firm one day a week during working hours but paid just the same.

THE school I visited has well-equipped workshops, drawing offices, and laboratories. It trains you according to your needs in one of three sections. These are Building (Professional Courses), Building Trades, and the Art Department.

The Professional Courses Department provides a training lasting from three to five years so that you can qualify to start a career as an architect, a structural engineer, a quantity surveyor, or a building surveyor—all highly important professions.

Put shortly, the architect has to "see" the building in his mind's eye before it exists, and then design it correctly according to the requirements of his client. The structural engineer has to carry the architect's design into effect. The quantity surveyor has to work out the amounts of the various materials required—brick, steel, timber, concrete of various types, and so on.

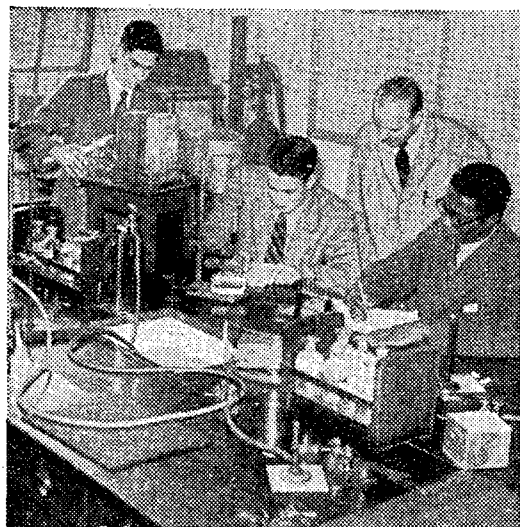
The building inspector is the man who comes along and inspects the building, or perhaps advises on repairing or improving existing buildings.

All these professions are needed by county councils, city corporations, and other local bodies, as well as by Government Departments. There are, too, plenty of good opportunities for those who prefer private practice.

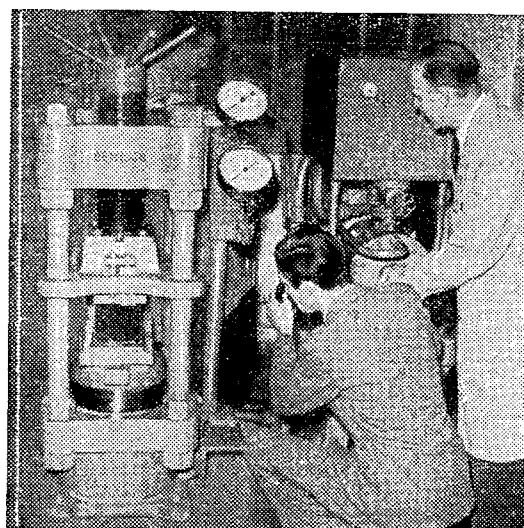
At the Hammersmith School there are usually about 190 students in the Professional Courses Department.

THE Building Trades Department gives courses in carpentry and joinery, in brickwork, plumbing, painting and decorating, plasterwork and masonry, and wood-cutting-machine work. There are nearly 450 young men, mostly apprentices already in a job, who attend these courses one day a week plus some evening work. In addition there are 950 students taking evening courses in all these subjects and some others like Foremanship and Management.

The Art Department covers many subjects, including interior



Experimenting in the laboratory



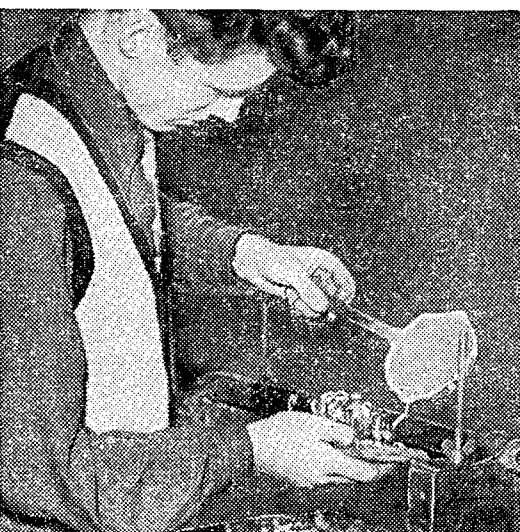
Testing the strength of concrete



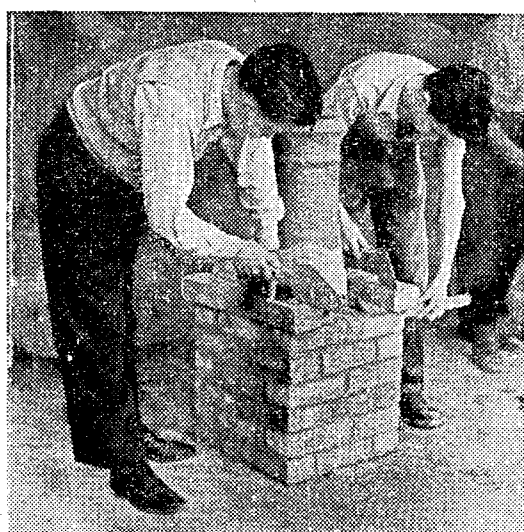
At work in the joiners' shop



A woodcutting machine at work



Wiping a joint on a lead pipe



Laying the bricks for a chimney

design, stone-carving, picture-frame making, and sculpture.

On the Professional side, the end in view is to pass the final examinations demanded by the Institute of Builders, the Institution of Structural Engineers, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Institute, and the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents.

On the Building Trades side, pupils are working for the City and Guilds Final Examination in their particular subject; and on the Arts side for various Diplomas and

the Ministry of Education's Intermediate Certificate in Arts and Crafts.

FOR the full-time courses you must be not less than 16 years old at the beginning of your first session. (A session is made up of three terms.) You should also have either a School Certificate or a recognised qualification instead. Your school headmaster can tell you about this.

For evening courses the usual minimum age is 17, except for those who have taken a three-year course, starting at about the age of 13, at a secondary technical school, or passed their School Certificate exam.

Geometrical drawing and some ability to make a sketch are very useful in nearly all branches of work done here.

Mr. Rice, the Principal of the School, took me to see some young stonemasons at work. While they chipped away at blocks of stone we had a talk with the instructor.

He talked of stone as if he loved it—which I am sure he did; of the colours which are as subtle in stone as they are in textile fabrics; of the repairs to Salisbury Cathedral and the modern matching of the fine work done by the medieval craftsmen.

The lads here were in their first year and were studying the kinds

of tools used for working and setting stonework, and how to measure and set out masonry. They were also learning something of the different kinds of stone and how these behaved when worked and when they became part of a building—the effects of weather, town smoke, and so on.

Then there were the problems of bonding, foundations, damp-resisting construction, joints, and the construction of arches and stairways. And this was only the start.

NEXT we had a look at the Wood-cutting Machine work.

Here in a big, well-lighted room the boys were being shown the working of a machine saw. The different types of machine in use and how to look after them make an absorbing study.

At every stage the safety precautions of the job are driven into ears which might perhaps be heedless—with nasty consequences. You cannot afford to be careless with machine saws!

The making, grinding, and sharpening of cutters is just one fragment of the knowledge to be gained. A finished craftsman may own as many as 2000 cutters of different kinds all of his own making, so it can well be realised that there is plenty to learn.

In another wood workshop I saw a portion of a spiral staircase made by young students, some finely-designed window-frames they had also made, and I had explained to me how the characteristics of the different kinds of timber are studied.

In the plumbing shop they were working with oxy-acetylene cutters. When I came to talk with their teacher I again found that these lads have a good deal more to learn than most people would imagine.

They have to know all about the properties of the metals in which they work—lead and iron and zinc, copper and tin. They must learn how to join sheets of lead and how to joint various types of pipe. They must know the lay-out of the ordinary house water-supply and gas supply, and the valves and cocks used.

Do you know how to wipe a joint or fix a raking flashing? Well, this is where you may learn how to do it.

ONE thing in particular struck me about every workshop, and that was the fatherly kind of man they always seemed to have for instructing. And the lads themselves looked as if they were enjoying this carefully-planned and finely-equipped course of preparation for their life's work.

After quite a busy morning I found I had only skated round the edge of what was going on at the school. But I had gained the impression that it certainly was a wonderful place for anybody who wanted to learn how to make fine things with his hands or how to design them and cost them and do all the thousand-and-one things which are nowadays essential parts of this great industry of building.

A. V. I.

Children's Newspaper

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HOUSES OF HAPPINESS

FOR a whole year a band of devoted people have been quietly carrying out an experiment to help children who for various reasons are deprived of a happy home life. Now comes the good news that the attempt has succeeded.

Some of the children were sent to "family homes," and the London County Council has made a report on those in its care.

The homes are six ordinary four-bedroom houses, each accommodating seven children with a "housemother."

The boys and girls and their adopted mothers have been getting along famously. The youngsters have made friends with local children, given birthday parties, joined the Scouts, Guides, and so on. They have gone on picnics, to the cinema for suitable films, and to pantomimes at Christmas, just like children blessed with a normal home life.

The success of the experiment is largely due to the housemothers, women whose hearts are so full of love that they have plenty to spare. Their "sons and daughters" too have bravely faced their new life.

All concerned will rejoice in the outcome of this effort to bring light and laughter into young lives which might otherwise have been so clouded.

The Editor's Table

HOMEWORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

AN American experiment which looks like a schoolboy dream miraculously come true has been described in The Lancet.

In order to find out if their store of knowledge could be increased while they were still asleep, a class of students engaged in learning Chinese was divided into groups.

While the first group were asleep records of Chinese words and the English translations were played over to them. The next day it was found that they learned the list of words much more quickly than the members of a second group who had slept normally.

To a third group the same records of Chinese words were played, but with inaccurate English translations. Without exception, they had difficulty in learning the correct meanings on the following day.

So it may well be that the child of the future will not need to do any homework; he will go to sleep while a gramophone does it for him.

Thirty Years Ago

EVERYONE whose mind is attuned to human kindness will feel happier because the prison authorities have decided to abolish the mocking stamp of the prison, the Broad Arrow, from the clothes of convicts, and the close-cropped head, equally cruel.

The chief aim of the keepers of prisons should be to save the prisoner from his faulty self and not to brand him bitterly with disgrace. Taking away the broad arrows that have been splashed over his clothes, and leaving him his hair, is one way of helping him to renew his self-respect and keep alive within him the cheering light of hope.

From the Children's Newspaper, November 11, 1922

Remembrance

SATURDAY, November 8, is Poppy Day. Everyone who wears the scarlet emblem will be helping those who made great sacrifices for their country in two world wars.

Sunday, November 9, is Remembrance Day, the day set apart for hallowed tribute to the memory of all who made the supreme sacrifice.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Number 2,000,000



John Leach, aged 14, of Preston, Lancashire, became New Zealand's two-millionth citizen when he arrived at Wellington with his family.

What do you know about UNO?

THE answers to everyone's questions about the United Nations organisation are given in a new notebook called The United Nations at Work, by G. T. Hankin (Stationery Office, 3s. 6d.). It consists of pictures of U.N.'s varied activities with a series of related questions and answers on the back of each.

The booklet not only gives a comprehensive picture of United Nations; it can also serve as a looseleaf notebook in which can be inserted all the latest information about U.N.

Student's prayer

Illuminate my understanding, O Father of lights, and lead me into right apprehensions in all things. Indue me with that humility and soberness of mind, which thou delightest to reward with more of thy gifts and graces. Bestow upon me a discerning spirit; a sound judgment; and an honest and good heart sincerely disposed to employ all the talents which thou hast, or shalt instruct me withal, to thy honour and glory, and to the good of mankind. For which end I beseech thee to excite my thirst after useful rather than much knowledge.

JUST AN IDEA

As Benjamin Disraeli wrote: Without tact you can learn nothing. Tact teaches you when to be silent.

FRONTIER THAT MOVED OFF

SWISS mountaineers discovered last August that their country had grown larger at the expense of Italy, the boundary stones having marched off on their own.

What had really happened was that the stones had been set up in a moraine, an expanse of rocks covering a small glacier. The glacier had been gradually melting during the summer, and its carpet of rocks had slid down the Binn Valley towards Devero in Italy, carrying the frontier stones with it.

The Italians, naturally, were averse to losing a few hundred square yards of their homeland in this strange manner; so a Border Commission was formed by both sides, and they have peacefully reached an agreement which is to be ratified by the Parliaments of the two countries.

Glaciers may defy the rules, but Switzerland and Italy will remain friends!

Shoe-shine boy

LONDON'S "boot-blacks" have become "shoe-browns." The explanation is that there are many American troops about wearing brown shoes and they are used to patronising the "shoe-shine boy."

The boot-black's heyday was in Victorian times, when the streets and pavements were muddier than now. Since then their numbers have lessened considerably, and those that remain rarely have a boot to shine.

November the Fifth

This is the worst of all days in the year for letter-writing. Continually called upon to remember the bonfire, one is apt to forget everything else. The boys at Olney have likewise a very entertaining sport which commences annually upon this day; they call it Hockey, and it consists in dashing each other with mud, and the windows also, so that I am forced to rise now and then and to threaten them with a horse-whipping to preserve our own.

William Cowper

THINGS SAID

TOOTHBRUSH sales show that more than half of the people in Britain do not own one.

Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Health

It would be technically possible to relay television to North America but it is estimated that it would cost about £18,000,000.

Assistant Postmaster-General

At school-leaving age the girls take more care in their appearance and carry themselves better than the boys, who are frequently very round-shouldered.

Medical Officer,
St. Albans, Hertfordshire

THE standard of living of every one of us, from the director's chair to the factory bench, depends on the service we give the world.

President of the Board of Trade

THE people of the world cannot be too mixed up together. Try all you can to learn and see the point of view of other lands and encourage them to know of yours.

Mr. Anthony Eden,
to schoolchildren

IN THE COUNTRY

NOVEMBER often brings a period of fine weather with mellow temperature, a season known as St. Martin's Summer.

At such a time it is pleasant to take a walk in the country. It seems almost as though summer has returned. The fields lie beneath a golden veil, and there are "magical lights and shadows" and rich tints. Gardens and hedgerows are splashed with bright colours. The thrushes sing again, as though feeling another spring is nigh. The robin's happy trill cheers the wayfarer.

Now and then come days as beautiful as those of April; but alas! we cannot prolong our afternoon rambles as we did in spring, for all too soon dusk falls, recalling Keble's lines:

Red o'er the forest peers the setting sun,
The line of yellow light dies fast away
That crowned the eastern copse:
and chill and dun
Falls on the moor the brief November day.

A gracious week of St. Martin's Summer, as frequently enjoyed in mid-November, is a boon.

Under the Editor's Table

A good father knows when to put his foot down. But often prefers to put his feet up.

A child often sticks to an old toy. Especially when trying to mend it.

A fire broke out in a Poplar pillar-box. Due to heated correspondence?

A foreigner thinks it is easy to pick up the English language. Especially the dropped aitches.

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

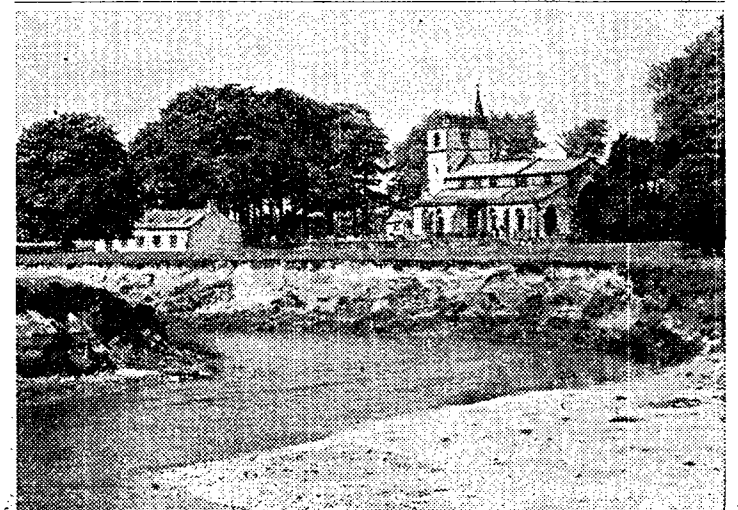
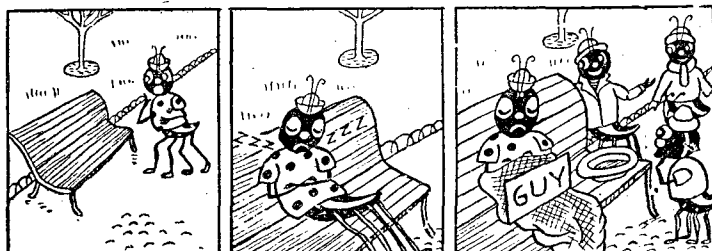
If people are put
out when they are
taken in

To protect a clock from pecking pigeons, netting has been fixed to a Derbyshire tower. About time.

Bill-posters say they are underpaid. Should be able to stick up for themselves.



BILLY BEETLE



OUR HOMELAND

The River Wyre at Churchtown, near Garstang, Lancashire

The Children's Newspaper, November 8, 1952

Entrancing film of a magnificent adventure, says ERIC GILLET

KON-TIKI SAILS TRIUMPHANTLY ACROSS THE SCREEN

KON-TIKI is perhaps the most exciting amateur film ever made. If it comes your way, do not miss it.

You may have already read of the Kon-Tiki expedition in the famous book by Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian leader of the six young Scandinavians who made the 4300-mile voyage from Peru to Polynesia on a raft made of balsawood and bamboo and fitted with sails. It took them 101 days.

Heyerdahl set out on this enterprise to prove his theory that the original inhabitants of Polynesia crossed the Pacific from South America on similar rafts, 900 years before Columbus crossed the Atlantic.

68 MINUTES OF THRILLS

The party took a miniature cine-camera with them, and their record of the journey has now been enlarged onto standard size film. The result is a picture that runs for 68 minutes and gives a vividly realistic impression of a tremendous adventure.

The raft was borne over the vast expanses of the Pacific by trade winds and the Humboldt current. For over three months not a ship was sighted.

The men risked an occasional bathe in the shark-infested sea or a short trip in their rubber dinghy. But they soon found that they had to attach a tow-rope to the dinghy. If they did not, the raft left it far

encounter with a whale-shark, the largest fish known. With a length of about 50 feet and a weight of 15 tons, the whale-shark was so enormous that when it swam under the raft its head was visible on one side and its tail on the other.

For over an hour it continued to swim under and round the raft, until one of the crew could stand it no longer. Just as the monster got its head under a corner of the raft, the man thrust a harpoon deep into its head.

BROKEN HARPOON

In an instant the harpoon line flashed over the side. Then it snapped, and a few seconds later the broken harpoon shaft surfaced 200 yards away. The whale-shark was not seen again.

The worst experience of all was the great storm. For days on end the raft was buffeted by huge seas, which swept right over it. Thor Heyerdahl skims over this episode in his admirable commentary, which is a delightful accompaniment to the film. Modest, humorous, and informative, it is a model of what film commentaries ought to be and so seldom are.

In the end Kon-Tiki was wrecked on a small island, and the crew had difficulty in getting through the dangerous coral reef to the shore. They managed, however, to save their radio set and most of the films they had taken.

By means of radio they obtained

Motor-cycling around a continent

A young British woman whose home is at Epsom, Surrey, recently took New York by storm when she parked her motor-cycle at the kerb of 41st Street—west of Seventh Avenue. Her speedometer registered 28,599 miles.

It was in 1950 that Miss Peggy Thomas sailed for Halifax, Canada. She then motor-cycled across to Vancouver, down the west coast of the United States, across Mexico to Vera Cruz, and then up the east coast to New York.

In sight of New York City she pitched her tent on the Palisades—the awe-inspiring rocks by the Hudson River. "I just felt absolutely spellbound," she said, "seeing the skyscrapers and the river. I so wished a few of the folks back home could see them, too. I had really made New York at last. It was quite a go."

ORDEAL IN MEXICO

Peggy recalled that one of her most unpleasant experiences was in the Mexican mountains. "I broke down one night and had to hitch hike on an orange truck. The drivers looked like cut-throats, but they just kept peeling oranges for me."

At Vera Cruz, while boarding a Belgian freighter for New Orleans, her pack slipped and her typewriter dropped into the Gulf. She employed some divers to retrieve it, but they were unable to do so, and after that she had to keep her diary by hand.

Her companion on the long trip has been her terrier, Matelot, who rode on the pack behind her, sometimes keeping her shoulders warm like a fur when the going was cold.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

The mysterious instinct that unerringly brings pigeons home after they have been released hundreds of miles from their lofts has long puzzled ornithologists. Now scientists of Cambridge University's Department of Zoology are trying to obtain more knowledge of this subject by fastening miniature cameras under the wings of pigeons. At a fixed time the camera takes a photo of the area over which the bird is travelling, and from this the route it follows can often be ascertained.

COUNTRY MANNERS

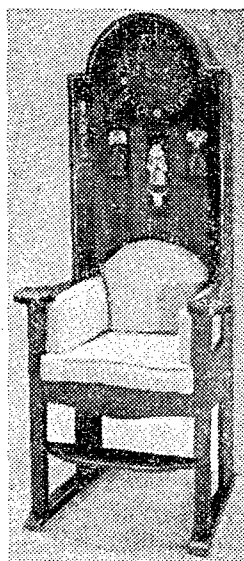
Students at Wansfell College, Theydon Bois, have co-operated with Essex farmers in making a film called Country Manners. It deals with the results of thoughtless acts like leaving gates open and throwing away lighted cigarette ends.

The BBC have been asked to televise the film in a children's programme.

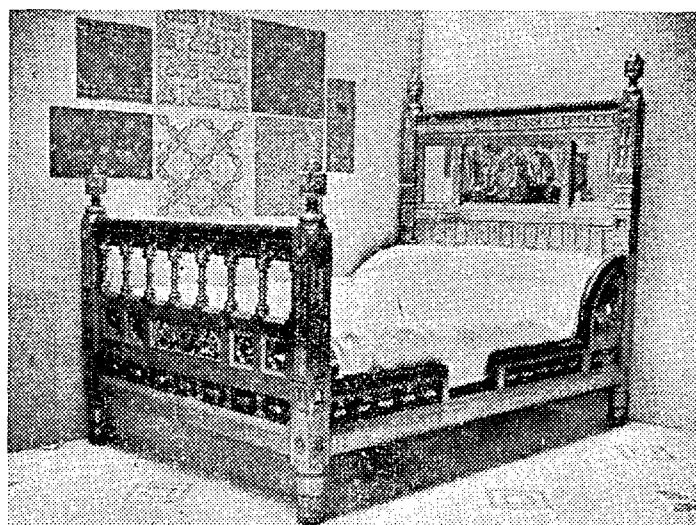
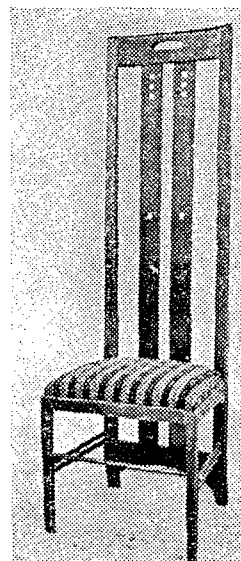
The Safe Way

With the present big demand for CN, the only way of making sure of your copy each Wednesday is to place an order with your newsagent.

Grandmama's furniture



These wonderful examples of craftsmanship can now be seen at an exhibition of Victorian and Edwardian decorative arts at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. On the left is a 1901 child's chair, made of oak and inlaid with pewter, ivory, and mother-of-pearl. On the right is a high-backed chair of about 1900. Below is an ornate bed made in 1873. It is gilded and studded with jewels.



THE MAN WHO FOUND THE IGUANODON

All students of natural history owe a great debt to Dr. Mantell of Lewes, who died on November 10 just a century ago. He laboured zealously in the Sussex Weald, delving into the remote past with pick and spade, and constantly adding to science's knowledge of the strange creatures, great and small, which inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

Among his most important and exciting discoveries were the bones and teeth of a giant reptile which he called the Iguanodon. From complete skeletons subsequently found we know that it was about 30 feet long and walked on its hind three-toed feet, balancing itself on its huge tail.

Gideon Mantell was born in Lewes in 1790, the son of a well-to-do shoemaker. He was a man in whom a happy and generous disposition was combined with a keenly analytical mind. He became a doctor of medicine, but all the time he could spare from his practice he gave to seeking the buried treasures of the Weald of Sussex—treasures of knowledge, not of gold or precious stones.

He showed that this region was in fact a huge burial-ground, a cemetery in which huge reptiles which once were the lords of creation lay down to die and bequeathed to future ages their colossal bones.

Dr. Mantell's pick and spade laid bare huge creatures then unknown

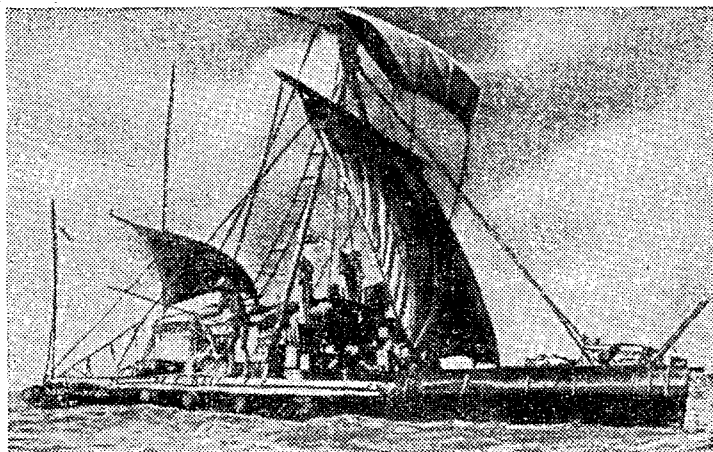
to science, but he was not only concerned with the mighty—he brought forth many extinct species of molluscs and minute forms of life. Finally, he proved that the part of north Sussex which he explored had been the delta of a great river, with palms growing on its banks and huge vegetarian reptiles wallowing through its marshes.

Dr. Mantell was a prodigious worker; he wrote nearly 70 scientific books as well as tending his patients and searching for fossils. He was also in great demand as a lecturer, for he was an eloquent speaker who could make a scientific talk as fascinating to the public as a play. He died after giving one of his lectures, and was buried in St. Michael's Church in the Sussex town of his birth. His famous collection of specimens, bought for £5000, is one of the treasures of the British Museum.

NEW CATTLE FOOD

Indian scientists have discovered that mango seeds make good fodder for cattle. Usually thrown away as waste when the luscious fruit is eaten, the fibrous-coated seeds can be mixed with oil cake to form a cattle food rich in protein and carbohydrates.

It is estimated that the humble mango seed, used in this way, could save India about £15,000,000 annually.



A shot of the raft Kon-Tiki taken from the expedition's rubber dinghy

behind and the occupants of the dinghy were in very real danger of being adrift in the Pacific.

For two months the party enjoyed the company of a very lively parrot. There are some excellent shots of it, watching the sharks on deck, biting off the wire of the radio aerial, or surveying the crew with a sardonic stare.

They lost it when a big sea washed it overboard. The Kon-Tiki could not be stopped or turned, and they were obliged to leave the bird to its fate.

Shark-catching was a dangerous and exciting pastime. At one time there were seven of them on the deck. The camera depicts a member of the crew holding out a dolphin as bait. A shark darts up, snaps its jaws together, and half of the dolphin disappears.

Most thrilling of all is the

advice from an American doctor which enabled them to cure a Polynesian boy of an illness from which he might have died.

This film is an entrancing record of a magnificent adventure. It should be seen by all who admire courage and enterprise.

Thor Heyerdahl and his companions achieved what was generally believed to be impossible. Now their film succeeds in making cinema audiences feel that they are sharing in some way the hazards of an epic voyage.

JUMBO LIKES IT WARM

At Birmingham 16 elephants have been getting into hot water. They have no use for cold drinks or baths at this time of year and so the Corporation baths department has been supplying them with 500 gallons of hot water every day.

HISTORY IN A CELLAR

The remains of what is believed to be the largest ancient Christian church ever discovered has been unearthed at Aquileia, in northern Italy, north of Trieste.

Aquileia itself is a lost city. To-day it is only a small village, but in Roman times it had over a million inhabitants. It is believed that many of them fled before Attila and his Huns and founded the city-state of Venice in the lagoons.

Ancient Aquileia was a thriving seaport near the mouth of a river that flowed into the Adriatic. Its prosperity declined after an earthquake had altered the river's course, but it became important again as a patriarchate of the Church in the Roman Empire.

Now some of its history has been revealed in the cellar of an 18th-century farmhouse. Excavations under the floor of the cellar brought to light three earlier layers. The first was the stone paving of a medieval monastery. The second was a beautiful mosaic floor of the big fourth-century Christian church, damaged when the builders of the farmhouse drove in stakes for foundations.

The third layer was the mosaic floor of a third-century synagogue, evidently demolished to make way for the Christian church, which in turn was razed to the ground by Attila's Huns in A.D. 452.

TALL GIRLS

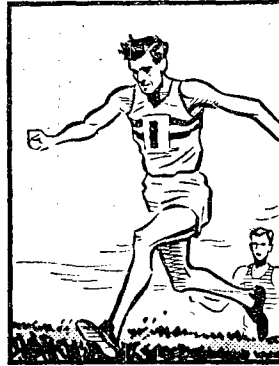
British girls can pride themselves on being taller than American girls; but figures collected over the past 25 years show that they must give pride of place to the girls of the Transvaal, who are even taller and heavier than their brothers.

At ten years of age the average Transvaal girl is about seven pounds heavier and five inches taller than British and American girls. At 16 she is three inches taller than the British girl and four-and-a-half inches taller than the American girl.

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Another performance was a 25-mile run over the 14 peaks above 3000 feet in the Snowdon group, again in record time. The boys of Isleworth Grammar School are proud to have such a sports-master.

John Disley



But the tall Welshman has an even greater interest than running. It is mountaineering, which has appealed strongly to him all his life. His ultimate target is no less than Mount Everest itself.

MARCO POLO'S ENTHRALLING TRAVELS

No boy in history ever set out on such a tremendous journey as 17-year-old Marco Polo, whose story in picture form begins on this page in next week's C.N.

The journey began in 1271, when young Marco sailed away from his native Venice, which he was not to see again for 24 years. He went with his father and uncle, who were bound for Cathay (China); and to most of their friends it seemed that they were setting out for a Never-Never land at the unknown end of a flat Earth.

AWFUL WARNINGS

"You'll never get there, and if you do you'll never get back," the average merchant or sea-captain might have told them.

"You'll get eaten by giants—two-headed ones," another friend may have warned them; or "You'll never escape the dragons—fire-breathing ones... there's a bird called a Roc, bigger than half-a-dozen cathedrals..."

Such were the strange beliefs in those medieval times. But Marco's father and uncle had visited Cathay and had returned. They had met Kublai Khan, the mighty emperor, and had come back with a letter from him to the Pope.

OFF TO THE UNKNOWN

Picture then, the excitement of young Marco Polo, himself bound for the magic land of Kublai Khan by a route that lay across mountains and deserts where evil spirits intent on luring men to destruction were said to lurk, and cruel bandits certainly did.

The report that Marco brought back about his journey was stranger than any fiction of the Middle Ages; and that it was mainly true was proved by later travellers and by contemporary Chinese records.

Marco Polo's book is one of the great classics of the literature of travel, and C.N. readers will find our condensed picture-story of it quite enthralling.

NEW LIFE FOR THE HIGHLANDS?

Most of us live in crowded cities, or bustling towns, and if we go out into the country we hardly travel a mile without passing a house. Yet in the north of this overcrowded island there lies a vast, wild region, the Highlands of Scotland, where for many years the small population has been getting smaller.

Hopes of bringing more people to live there are based largely on hydro-electric schemes, like the one at Glen Affric. They will provide light and power for farmers in remote glens, and power to establish small industries.

Some people may regret the desolate grandeur of the Highlands being invaded by human habitation; others may agree with Dr. Johnson that "an eye accustomed to flowery pastures and waving harvests is astonished and repelled by this wide extent of hopeless sterility."

Perhaps he might not have been surprised, to know that the population of this huge area of Britain would be even less, years after his death, than it was in his own time. But he would certainly have approved of the harnessing of Nature's forces here in the service of man.

The economic decline of the Highlands began after the Battle of Culloden in 1746, with the break-up of the ancient clan system of life. The clan had lived like a big family, with its chieftain as a father who decided who should cultivate what land, and saw that all grazing was shared in common.

The people were held together, too, by their Gaelic language and by their rich tradition of Celtic legend, music, and poetry.

But only some 30 years after Culloden Dr. Johnson could report: "Of what they had before the late conquest of their country, there remain only their language and their poverty."

THE EMPIRE'S GAIN

The next blow came in the 19th century, when powerful land-owners who wanted to carry out sheep-farming on a large scale drove many crofters from their homes and their land. Scotland's loss then was the Empire's gain, for the hardy, intelligent, and industrious Highlanders sailed across the seas to help to found new Britains in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Their sad parting from their rugged homeland was poignantly expressed by Robert Burns.

*Farewell to the mountains, high covered with snow;
Farewell to the straths and green valleys below;
Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods;
Farewell to the torrents and loud-pouring floods.
My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here.*

Ruins of the houses and even the kirks they left behind can still be traced in the valleys.

For those who stayed at home, often dwelling in tiny thatched cabins, life had little to offer, the small croft providing only the bare needs of a family. The young folk left the glens and went to the towns and cities, invigorating the life of a community wherever they settled.

Self-pity was never the companion of their poverty, for the Highlanders were ever among the proudest folk in the world—proud of the valour of their ancestors and of their soldiers in modern times, proud of the great achievements of sons and daughters of the North in many parts of the world.

It would be a gain for all Britain if hydro-electricity were to re-establish prosperous communities in the Highlands.

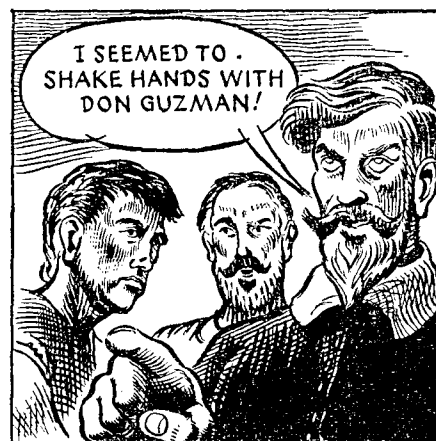
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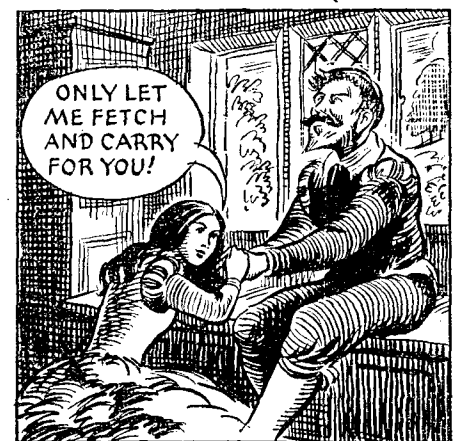
Utterly unnerved at being struck blind, and by the strain he had undergone, Amyas lay for some days delirious in the Lundy Island castle. The enemy he had so relentlessly pursued, Don Guzman, had gone down with all hands in the Santa Catharina. Amyas, in his ravings, declared that his blindness was a judgment on him for his fierce thirst for revenge; but at last he recovered, and became himself again.



He asked his friends to lead him to the cliff above the place where the Santa Catharina had sunk. Sitting there he thought he saw a vision of the galleon on the sea-bed far below. He seemed to see Don Guzman, sitting at his cabin table and saying to him: "We have had a fair quarrel, senior; it is time to be friends once more. My wife, Rose, and your brother have forgiven me; so your honour takes no stain."



When the others touched his shoulder, Amyas awoke and told them of his vision. "If that man wronged me, I wronged him likewise," he said. "But God has shown me my sin, and we have made up our quarrel for ever." They took him to his home in Bideford, where his mother awaited him with Ayacanora, the girl he had found among the Indians in South America, who had all along been secretly in love with him.



Ayacanora kissed the blind giant's hands. "Let me tend you, feed you, lead you, like your slave, your dog!" she pleaded. Someone else entered and he felt Ayacanora in his arms. "Fear not to take her to your heart," said Mrs. Leigh, "for it is your mother who has laid her there." They were married later, and the great sea captain, his fighting days over, settled down to a peaceful life in his boyhood's home.

An exciting new picture-story about the travels of Marco Polo begins on this page next week

Cross-Channel Quest

by GARRY HOGG

My sister Nessa, myself, and Bruce Halliday, our guardian, have come to Mont St. Michel in pursuit of four foreign agents. We book a room in a hotel next to two of them—Mr. A. and Mr. B.

10. Action!

BRUCE nodded. "Now," he said, "since they've booked a room, presumably they're intending to stay the night. Ditto the other party, who seem just about as interested in them as we are ourselves—though I suspect for a different reason."

"Rivals?" I chipped in.

"Without a doubt. Both being in the racket, probably each has information the other would very much like to have. They may go to any lengths to get hold of this information, too. But so far as we know at present, Messrs. A. and B. don't know that the others have a particular reason for keeping in contact with them."

"They naturally have guilty consciences though; and they know that they are suspected in some quarters. They may even have the suspicion that the men who gave them that lift are on the side of law and order!"

"Like us," I added. Just then we heard the two men come onto their balcony.

"Hssst!" said Bruce, and very stealthily began to open the french windows onto our own balcony.

I AM fairly good at French, and Nessa is, too. But how we wished we were better than we were! For the two men were speaking in French, out there on their balcony. Mr. B. was speaking in what seemed to us good French—I mean, with a good accent. We could catch a word or two here and there. But Mr. A. was speaking with a strange accent, which made it impossible for us to understand anything he said.

We crouched down on the hard balcony floor, glad that the wall was solid, though luckily it had a gap here and there through which the two men's voices drifted up quite clearly. Bruce squatted there, listening keenly, with a notebook on his knee, writing rapidly in his own particular brand of shorthand.

From the look on his face after a while we could see that what he could hear afforded him keen satisfaction! I made up my mind then and there to learn shorthand as soon as I had a chance; you never know, you see, when it might come in useful.

I LOOKED at Nessa, who was frowning madly, as she always does when she is thinking hard. I suppose I was, too, for she gave a little grin when she looked up and caught my eye. And at last, after we had both got pins and needles in our feet and I had got a tickle in my nose that I felt sure would

make me sneeze before long, the two men packed up their papers and went back into their room.

They shut their windows behind them, and so at last we were able to breathe properly and, what was more important, creep back into our room and stretch our legs and get rid of our cramp. I was also able to blow my nose!

"All that we suspected, and a good deal more," Bruce said, patting his notebook. "Even if I don't get hold of the brief-case, I've enough to settle their hash. And the hash of quite a number of other people who are implicated with them."

"Have you got to get the brief-case, then?" Nessa asked.

"Both of them," he answered.

"I only saw one," I said.

Bruce looked at me. "There's another," he said. "You saw Mr. C. carrying it not long ago." He looked grim for a moment. "I'm having that one, too, Lance."

It was more complicated, then, than I had thought. We sat in a row on the bed, and pondered. Bruce had put his notebook in his pocket and was lighting his pipe. For a while none of us spoke. Then, "If only we could get them all together, I mean at the same time, in one place," I said, "that might help, mightn't it?"

"What if the other couple speak some language Bruce doesn't know?" Nessa said.

"That wouldn't be difficult," Bruce said, smiling. "I don't know so many as all that! Frankly, I'm glad they were talking French out there."

"Why did they?" I asked. "It says Mr. A.'s a Central European."

"A Czech, actually, I believe," Bruce said. "But his pal's French."

"And French," Nessa said wisely, "is the language of diplomacy." I knew she was quoting from a history book because I had seen that somewhere, too!

"Diplomacy!" Bruce laughed. "That's a nice, gentle word for what those gentry are engaged on,

I must say!" Then he became serious. "What you said just now about getting them all into one place, Lance, has much to commend it. Now, let's see."

He was silent, puffing away for a while. Then he suddenly slapped me on the back. "You've given me an idea. Listen." And he explained what it was.

"So," Nessa said, when he had finished, "we're to stay here while you get on with the job. I thought—"

"One of you stays here to keep an eye on their balcony; the other is to be near the hotel entrance, seeing but unseen, see? And now I'm off!"

WE tossed when he had gone, and I won, and very generously left Nessa to watch the balcony while I went downstairs to see and not be seen. The first person I saw was Bruce himself, a little way up the street, and I noticed that he had got my rucksack tucked under his arm.

He was apparently gazing into a shop-window full of brass and china, but actually he had his eye on Mr. C. and his friend, who were walking down the street below us both. We saw them turn into a restaurant, and as soon as they were out of sight he came across to me.

"Keep an eye on them, Lance," he said—and I was glad, then, that I had taken on this job instead of Nessa's. "I'm going to get into their room somehow!" And with that he turned on his heel, strode away, and vanished through their hotel entrance.

I easily found a spot from which I could keep them under observation without being too obvious myself; and there I stayed, wondering what I would do if they came out suddenly and went back into their hotel. It was a problem I did not see any solution to, and I hoped it would not happen!

THE minutes went by and I became more and more sure that they would come out before Bruce did. Surely they would not stay there long, since they wanted to keep fairly close to the other couple—the ones we were after, too? Perhaps they were just snatching a quick cup of coffee, or a quick drink, and would be back at any moment. Or perhaps—and how I hoped it might be true!—they had gone in for a meal and would spend quite a long time over it. If only they would!

Or supposing the other two came out of their hotel and went off down the hill! Nessa would not be able to do anything about it. She would not even know, unless they went out onto their balcony first and announced what they were going to do. And why should they do that?

I was getting into quite a state, imagining all sorts of things like that, and trying to work out what Bruce would expect me to do in each case, when, to my great relief, he reappeared and waved quickly to me. I lost all interest in the two men in the restaurant; after all, they were farther away from their hotel than we were, and we were between it and them!

I saw, as I dashed up the street, that Bruce was actually wearing my

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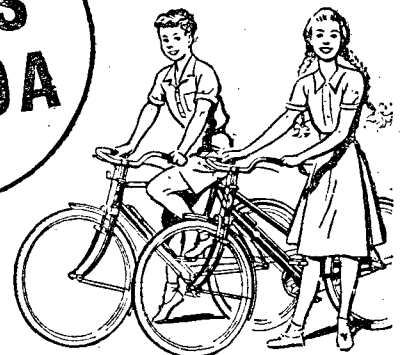
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- 7 In which of Dickens's novels does Alfred Jingle appear?
- 8 Which great football club grew from Newton Heath?

Answers on page 12



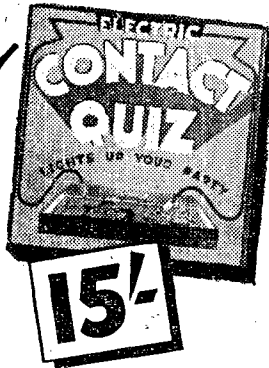
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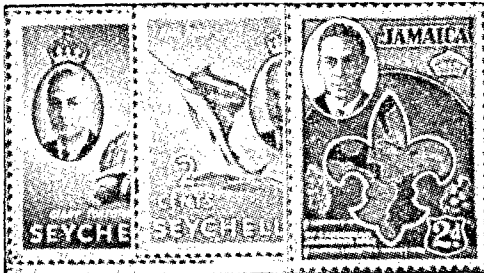
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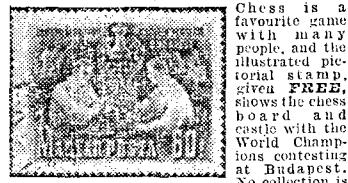
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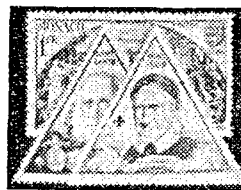


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SPORTS SHORTS

KEN STANLEY, Lancashire table tennis player, spent last summer in New Zealand. He won the singles and doubles titles, and coached local players so successfully that the N.Z. Table Tennis Association have decided to send an official team to the world championships at Wembley in 1954.

THE Australian cricketers who tour this country next summer will fly to Holland for a one-day match against a Dutch team immediately after the Third Test in July. The game is becoming more and more popular in Holland.

JAMES PARKS, an outstanding Sussex all-rounder for nearly 30 years, has been appointed coach to Nottinghamshire C.C.C. His name will continue to appear in the Sussex team lists, however, for Jim Parks junior is on the threshold of a great career with the county.

RITA SUGARHOOD is only 13, but already she has made her debut as a member of the Essex Junior table tennis team. Rita, who has been playing table tennis almost since she could walk, is the daughter of Harry Sugarhood, who won the England veterans' title in 1949 and 1950. Her brother Norman was an Essex Junior player last season.

WINNING an ice-skating title means hard work, but Yvonne Sugden, 13-year-old daughter of a London accountant, is so determined to do well in the British women's championships next month that she begins practice at six every morning. Yvonne was fourth in last year's championship.

PLAYING top-class table tennis is certainly one way of seeing the world. Johnny Leach returned not long ago from a three-month exhibition tour of the Far East; within a few weeks of his return he set off to tour Mid-European countries and to play in the Austrian and Yugoslavian championships; in January he will be in Paris for the French Championships; and in March he will be off to Bucharest to attempt to regain his world title.

ROBERT FELLER, pitcher for the Cleveland Indians baseball team, throws a baseball at 98.6 m.p.h. He has been electronically timed.

A GIRLS' Schools Lawn Tennis Association has been formed in Britain to raise the standard of play, and nearly 200 schools have already joined. It will organise courses for games mistresses, and arrange for demonstrations.

AYLESBURY UNITED's burly Polish centre-forward split a boot in the match against Cheshunt. He carried on in his remaining boot and scored two goals.



Peter Head, 17-year-old Olympic swimmer, of Ilford, Essex, polishes some of his 62 medals and trophies. He is a pupil at Leyton County High School and hopes to go to one of the Universities.

WEMBLEY STADIUM, scene of many Soccer and Rugby League finals, will next month be the stage for a new type of football, for on December 13 the finals of the U.S. Air Force European Football Championships are to be held there. The two finalists will come from teams representing U.S. Air Forces in Germany, France, North Africa, and Great Britain. American football is akin to our own Rugby, the players handling and running with the ball.

THE French Government intends to make sport a compulsory subject in all school examinations. The tests will begin with simple gymnasium exercises for ten-year-olds, and will get progressively more difficult.

DEREK PUGH, the great quarter-miler who a year ago was attacked by infantile paralysis, is almost ready to resume full training. An almost certain choice for the Olympic Games at Helsinki, he now has as his objective the next Olympic Games at Melbourne in 1956.

CROSS-CHANNEL QUEST

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rucksack, which, of course, was far too tight for him and seemed likely to burst its straps at any moment. And all the more because it was no longer empty, as it had been when he took it!

"**HAVE** you—" I began, but he motioned me to be quiet and to follow him, and we shot up the spiral staircase at top speed and never stopped till we came to our bedroom door, tapped on it, and were let in by Nessa. We locked it behind us, and Bruce faced us with triumph in his eyes.

"What a stroke of luck!" he said, breathing hard. "And what a thundering good job it is that that chambermaid could be bribed!"

Apparently he had found out from one of the chambermaids which bedroom Mr. C. occupied, and, by flourishing a 1000-franc note, had persuaded her to open the door for him with her master-key.

"So, here is the *other* brief-case I mentioned," he said, and too! it out of my rucksack.

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William Morris Hughes, known affectionately to all Australians as "Billy" Hughes, or "the Little Digger," has passed on at 88. He was Australia's Elder Statesman, having served continuously as a M.P. for 58 years; indeed, he had to his credit the longest period of any Parliamentarian in the history of the British Empire.

Billy Hughes was a little man, and his body frail; but his spirit was compounded in equal parts of dynamo and dynamite.

Born in London in 1864 and educated at Llandudno Grammar School he emigrated to Australia in 1884 as a penniless pupil teacher.

There he tramped the roads of Queensland, working as a station hand, shearers' cook, and Shakespearean actor. Settling in Sydney as a waterside worker, he organised his fellow workers into a union of which he became secretary.

In 1894 he was elected to the New South Wales Parliament, and his brilliant and spectacular career had begun. He was elected to the First Federal Parliament of 1901, and was a member until his death.

He knew most of the international figures of this century, and as Australian Prime Minister in the First World War, and a leader at Versailles, he early be-

came an international figure himself. He was outspoken always, and his harsh little voice rasped important people all over the world when they opposed him.

He would often tell this story of his first election. He was waiting at the mission house for the ballot decision when a friend told him: "Run for your life, Billy, you've won!"

Billy ran off to the nearest police station and returned with the moral support of two policemen. He stepped up to the pulpit and faced the yelling crowd. "Gentlemen," he began. But they still hooted. "I withdraw that," said Billy. Then, as he was fond of telling, "I put down the Bible and let them have it, and since then I've never looked back."

He represented Australia in the League of Nations Assembly and when the Second World War broke out he was wholeheartedly in support of the Dominion's efforts by sea and air and land, receiving the C.H. in 1941.

A statesman of infinite jest (he joked even on his deathbed) and vigorous phrase, William Morris Hughes will be remembered as an unwearying champion of Australia, both as a nation and as a member of the British Commonwealth.

READERS WIN TWO BICYCLES

Congratulations to the following two readers who have each won a bicycle, the first prizes in our Cross-word Competition (No. 10):

Joan Hands, 7 Rowsley Avenue, Leicester; and

Richard Shorter, 317 Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

Ten 10s. notes have been awarded as consolation prizes to: Miss N. Beardshaw, Sheffield 9; Jane Coombs, Frome; David Dixon, Bournemouth; Margaret Everson, Leeds 11; Barry Jones, Horsell; Hilary Knight, Sutton Coldfield; Hazel Richardson, Surbiton; Christine Smith, Birmingham 32; Catherine Wheaton, Guernsey; David Wilson, Bradford.

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DOUGHNUT DATA

Over 3000 bakery firms in America are making doughnuts, whose sale is estimated to total about £90,000,000 a year. There are machines which turn out 800 dozen doughnuts an hour.

An American scientific publication which gives these figures defines a doughnut as "a lean cake containing 5-8 per cent shortening, 20-25 per cent absorbed fat, 25-34 per cent sugar, 3-6 per cent egg yolk, and 4-8 per cent milk, the whole based on wheat flour." So now we know!

COSMOPOLITAN CHOIR

The rector of the little Dorset village of Kington Magna, the Revd. F. Llewellyn Edwards, has taught his junior choir to sing in eight different languages.

The children, all under 12, can sing hymns in English, Welsh, French, German, Italian, Flemish, Greek, and Latin.

STAMP NEWS

New 1½d. and 2½d. stamps bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth will be on sale by the end of this year. A double-size 2½d. will be among the special Coronation stamps.

AMONG the British rarities of recent years are the Silver Jubilee 2½d. stamps of 1935 printed in Prussian blue. They were part of a trial printing, but one sheet of 120 was issued in error to a North London post office. A block of four fetched £340 not long ago.

A NEW U.S. stamp honours newspaper boys. A lad on his round is depicted and on the carrier-bag across his shoulder appear the words: Busy boys—better boys.

THE new pictorial set on sale in Niue depicts some of the pastimes of the islanders—canoeing, hut building, exploring coral caves, and catching fish with two-pronged spears.

A GOOSE just taking-off from the water is pictured on a new Canadian seven-cent stamp, a value used extensively for airmail letters.

Two further issues in Canada's Prime Minister series honour Mr. Alexander Mackenzie (1873-8) and Sir John J. C. Abbott (1891-2).

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S STABLE

The oldest structure in Hartford, Connecticut, one of New England's most historic cities, has been saved from destruction by prompt action from the City Council.

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Riddle limerick

OH, why did the apple turnover?
(Till then it had ne'er been a rover.)

The reason?—don't start—
It had found the plum tart
And rolled to fetch sugar from Dover!

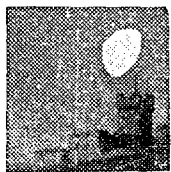
Sales talk

A BUDDING author was asked if he had sold anything.

"Yes," he replied, "my overcoat and a good deal of my furniture."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars and Venus are in the south-west; and



Jupiter is in the east. There are no planets visible in the morning. The picture shows the Moon at seven o'clock

on Friday morning, November 7.

BEDTIME CORNER

Mr Portly's Bonfire Night

CHRISTOPHER was looking at the pictures in Daddie's evening paper when he caught sight of a notice headed: "TO CAT LOVERS. Owners of cats are advised to get them indoors early tomorrow, November 5," he read aloud to Ann. "The noise of fireworks often startles them so much that they run away and are lost."

"Well, we always do keep Mr. Portly in," said Ann, looking up from tickling his ears. "But I suppose lots of people don't know, or forget if they are not reminded."

Well, the next night, bonfire night, they certainly did get Mr. Portly in, and shut him in the playroom before the fire. But unfortunately one of Christopher's visitors to their bonfire party unlatched the playroom door, thinking it was the bathroom, and did not shut it again when he discovered his mistake.

It was not long before Mr. Portly found the door open, and went trotting downstairs. He had just slipped out into the

dark garden when Daddie leapt off the first firework.

Bang! Pop! Crackle! Whizzzzzz! it went. And Mr. Portly, started out of his wits, leapt over into the next garden and fled in terror. But no one saw him go!

From garden to garden he ran wildly, getting more and more confused as other fireworks began to go off all round, until, by the time the bangs had stopped and the bonfires had died down, he was quite lost.

And then frost began to appear on every roof and tree. "I'll catch a snorting cold if I don't find somewhere warm to sleep," shivered Mr. Portly.

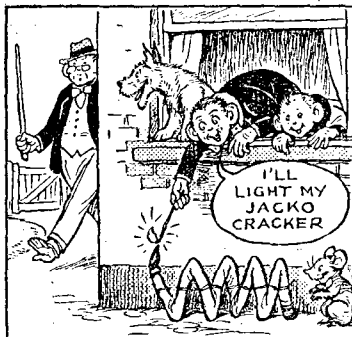
At last he discovered a bed, in a heap of bonfire ashes; and he curled up to sleep.

When morning came he recognised where he was, and though it was a very dirty Mr. Portly who found his way home, he was a welcome sight to Ann and Christopher, who had been worried that they might never see him again.

JANE THORNICROFT



JACKO'S JUMPING CRACKER MAKES THE COLONEL JUMP



Jacko was lighting the biggest jumping cracker that money could buy.

Habit

WHEN the teacher counted her infant pupils one morning she was surprised to find that there were 32 instead of 31. She soon discovered the extra one—a girl slightly younger than the rest of the children.

"What are you doing here?" she asked.

"Please, miss," said the little one, "I just joined the queue."

Double meaning

The two missing words are pronounced the same, but have different meanings. What are they?

THE — was not a large one, But Sam was very small.

THE — class saw him scramble up And vanish through the wall.

How, whole



When right into the line of fire marched old Colonel Chimp.

At a stroke

"REMBRANDT," said the art master, "was a great artist. In an instant he could change a happy smiling face into a sorrowful one."

"H'mm," said a pupil at the back of the class, thoughtfully, "my father must be a great artist, too."

Simple

"THREE letters, burnt on Guy Fawkes' Night,"

Said Ann, "What can they be?"

"Well, I should think," Don answered, "They must be F.E.G." (effigy)

RODDY



"Oh, Mummy! Will you be very cross with yourself?"

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the second answer, and so on.

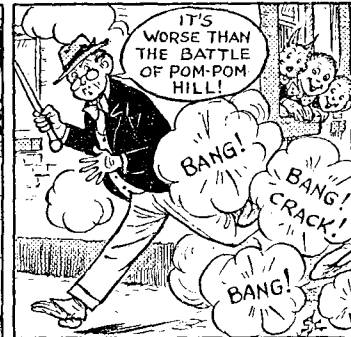
1. District of London, once a spa; Keats lived there; known for its large heath, where enormous fairs are held on Bank Holidays.

2. Handsome youth of Greek mythology; loved by Aphrodite; was killed by a boar while hunting, and the anemone sprang from his blood.

3. Egyptian goddess; wife of Osiris; also name of part of River Thames around Oxford.

4. Turkish capital until 1923; built (like Rome) on seven hills; its oldest church dates back to the 6th century; has had many disastrous fires!

Answer next week



No campaign of his had ever been like this, and he beat a hasty retreat.

Advice for the Fifth

BURSTING fireworks, Guy Fawkes' Night,

Fill most children with delight. But remember, girls and boys, Cats and dogs detest such noise. Scared by every bang and crack. They may run off and not come back.

So, when fireworks are about, Keep your pets from going out.

In one letter

Can you write down any single letter that will give:

1. The name of a bird.
2. The name of a river.
3. The name of an insect.
4. A girl's name.
5. Something we drink.
6. A vegetable.
7. Something seen outside shops.
8. Not me!
9. A big expanse of water.
10. An exclamation.

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

THE HEDGE ACCENTOR.

The bird was about the size of a robin. Ann watched it moving in mouse-like fashion about the orchard hedge. Its back was brown, streaked with darker shades, and its breast a sober grey.

"A Hedge-sparrow," said Farmer Gray in reply to Ann's questions.

"They are much quieter and shier than House-sparrows," laughed Ann.

"Yes, indeed," agreed the farmer. "Hedge Accentor" is the bird's correct name; it is not even related to the House or Tree-sparrow. Another name is Dun-nock. They are useful little birds, eating a great many harmful caterpillars, grubs, and insects and, during the winter, weed seeds."

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 The pointed front part.
- 2 George Washington.
- 3 Gosling.
- 4 Punting-pole, usually with a disc at the bottom to prevent it sinking too far into soft mud.
- 5 Strict.
- 6 Associate of the Royal Academy.
- 7 The Pickwick Papers.
- 8 Manchester United.

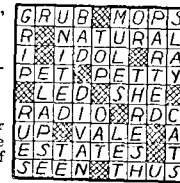
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Hidden places. Liverpool

Come out to play. Salad, remiss, outlass, earboy, ballad, dismiss, windlass, hautboy

Chain quiz
Spa, Pavlova, vampire, Redruth

Riddle my town
Selkirk. (Alexander Selkirk is said to have been the original of Robinson Crusoe)



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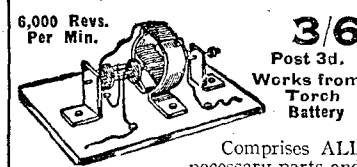


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